

# UNIQUE EXPERIENCES



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## Kilkenny Castle

The Ormonde Collection

Private  
Guided  
Tour

Few buildings in Ireland can boast a longer history of continuous occupation than Kilkenny Castle. Founded soon after the Norman conquest of Ireland, the Castle has been rebuilt, extended and adapted to suit changing circumstances and uses over a period of 800 years.

Once home to the very powerful and influential Butler Family (Dukes, Marquesses and Earls of Ormonde), Kilkenny Castle is today one of the most prestigious National Historic Properties in Ireland. It stands on a strategic height above the River Nore, in 21 hectares of magnificent rolling parkland and formal gardens at the heart of Kilkenny City.



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## Luxury Experience

### The Ormonde Collection

Step back in time and enjoy the wonder and history of this prestigious stately home. You will be warmly greeted and accompanied throughout your visit by one of our most experienced guides, who will enthrall you with wonderful stories of the very powerful and influential Butler Family.

This magnificent Castle has many hidden gems, which will be exclusively available to our Unique Experience guests. Some very special pieces from the Ormonde Collection will be available for viewing in the Duchess Closet of the west wing. Our guests will have the opportunity to handle some of these pieces, which may include weaponry, family photographs and special family pieces.

### Inclusions:

- A warm welcome and introduction to Kilkenny Castle.
- A themed guided visit to the magnificent rooms by one of the Castle's most experienced guides, which will include access to wonderful exhibitions. The visit can be personalised to the specific interests of our guests with advance notice.
- Exclusive viewing of some very special pieces from the Ormonde Collection in the Duchess Closet of the west wing.
- Exclusive car parking on the grounds of the Castle for one car or mini-van.

**Group size:** Min. 1 – Max. 8 guests

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Mobility:** Universal access is available in the west wing only.

**Pricing:** 1 person €200, 1-3 €150 per person, 4-8 €100 per person. Suitable for children from 10 years of age, €50 per child.

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**Booking Conditions:** Bookings must be confirmed by email 2 weeks in advance.

**Payment:** Payment is required in full in advance. Refunds will only be given with 48 hours notification of cancellation.

**Availability:** Monday to Friday throughout the year.

**Languages:** English and French.

**Facilities on site:** Exhibitions, tearooms, stunning parkland walks, the formal Rose Garden with its feature fountain.

**Access & Parking:** Kilkenny Castle is situated on the Castle Road in the very heart of Kilkenny City. Exclusive parking will be available to our Unique Experience guests within the grounds for one car or mini-van, with drop off and collection at the main door of the Castle in the courtyard.

**Nearby:** Kilkenny's 'Medieval Mile' meanders from the Castle to St Canice's Cathedral with Rothe House, Medieval Mile Museum and Butler Gallery of Contemporary Art at 'Evan's Home' situated on the route. Kilkenny Design Centre, which was the formal stables and coach house area of the Castle is located immediately across the street.

